

Superior Court Judge

Thomas I. Temple, Fourth Judicial District



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OTHER:
Judge Temple enlisted in the Marines at age seventeen, serving as a machine gunner during the Gulf War.

Judge Temple then worked his way through college and law school, while serving in the Army National Guard.

In 2001, Judge Temple moved to Alaska and served as a prosecutor in Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Utqiagvik, before entering private practice with the Satterberg Law Offices in Fairbanks, focusing on criminal defense and civil litigation. As a trial attorney, Judge Temple tried cases in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Unalaska, Utqiagvik, Delta Junction, and Homer.

Judge Temple and his wife of thirty years, Amy, have five children, ages thirteen through twenty-one. Judge Temple considers his family to be his finest personal accomplishment.

Judge Temple is known for his love of Alaska- a love for the spirit of its people and a love for all the joy and challenges that come with living in the Last Frontier.

STATEMENT:
I want to continue to serve as a judge for the following reasons.

I want to preserve liberty by ensuring the independence and integrity of our judiciary. An independent, fair, and impartial judiciary is essential to our system of justice. We expect our judges to be honest and diligent. We trust them to ensure fair trials, to protect the rights of all litigants, and to oversee the orderly and efficient flow of justice. I remain committed to these principles.

I want to be an instrument of justice- to be a part of seeing the right thing done. I remain humbled by the opportunity and responsibility to administer justice every day.

I want to ensure that the Rule of Law is upheld. Indeed, no one is above the law. I will continue to ensure that the law is fairly applied to all people and institutions.

Daily, I reflect on how I might become a better judge. I have come to the conclusion that a judge must seek wisdom, discernment, courage, and patience. Socrates defined the qualities of a judge as “to hear courteously, to answer wisely, to consider soberly, and to decide impartially.” I will continue to strive to display these qualities in my work.

I promise to continue to labor hard, to respect and honor the judicial office, and to maintain and enhance the public’s confidence in our legal system.

*The views expressed in this statement are from the candidate and not endorsed by the Division of Elections.
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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Thomas I. Temple, Fairbanks Superior Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Temple met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Temple was appointed to the Fairbanks Superior Court in July of 2018. Judge Temple handles civil and criminal cases. This is his first retention evaluation.

Summary: After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Temple met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Temple complied with judicial ethics standards.

The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Temple in office.

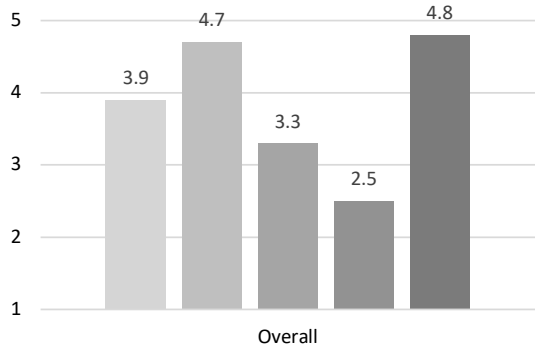
Survey ratings: Attorneys who appeared before Judge Temple gave him very good reviews. Peace and probation officers who appeared before him gave him good reviews. Social service professionals rated him in the acceptable range on diligence but lower in the other categories. Court employees gave him excellent ratings. Jurors rated him very highly. One juror commented, “I think he proved to be fair, attentive, and ran an orderly courtroom.” The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Temple. Complete survey ratings are available at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Professional activities: The Council’s review of Judge Temple’s professional activities showed significant contributions to the administration of justice and his community. Judge Temple made contributions in the areas of committee and working group service, and community outreach.

A detailed list of Judge Temple’s professional and community activities is posted at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Other performance indicators: The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Temple, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified him from cases, and appellate reversal rates. This review found no performance concerns.

Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Temple



- Attorneys, n=86
- Court Employees, n=22
- Peace and Probation Officers, n=13
- Social Service Professionals, n=11
- Jurors, n=25

Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at www.ajc.state.ak.us